

(1) The term *performance of duty*, as used in such subchapter, shall not include an act of a participant or crew leader while absent from the assigned post of duty of such participant or crew leader, except while participating in an activity authorized by or under the direction and supervision of a program agency, (including an activity while on pass or during travel to or from such post of duty);

(2) Compensation for disability shall not begin to accrue until the day following the date that the employment of the injured participant or crew leader is terminated; and

(3) In computing compensation benefits for disability or death, the annual rate of pay of a full-time participant shall be deemed to be such entry salary for a grade GS–5 employee, and the annual rate of pay of a participant enrolled for a period of summer service shall be deemed to be 25 percent of such entry salary.

(d) *Tort Claims Procedure.* For purposes of chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code, relating to tort claims procedure, a participant or crew leader assigned to a youth corps program for which a grant has been made to, or other appropriate arrangement entered into with, the Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of the Interior, or the Director of ACTION, shall be considered an employee of the United States within the meaning of the term “employee of the government” as defined in 28 U.S.C. 2671.

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§2504.1 General.

The Commission will make grants for the creation of full- and part-time national and community service programs.

§2504.2 Eligibility to receive grants.

States and Indian Tribes are eligible to receive grants under this part. For the purposes of this part, the definition of State includes Indian Tribes.

§2504.3 Eligibility to participate in a program funded under this part.

(a) Part-Time: (1) An individual may serve in a part-time national service program under this part if the individual:

(i) Is 17 years of age or older; and

(ii) Is a citizen of the United States or lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

(2) In selecting applicants for a part-time program, States must give priority to applicants who are currently employed.

(b) An individual may serve in a full-time national service program under this part if the individual:

(1) Is 17 years of age or older;

(2) Has received a high school diploma or the equivalent of such diploma, or agrees to achieve a high school diploma or the equivalent of such while participating in the program; and

(3) Is a citizen of the United States or lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

(c) An individual may serve as a special senior service participant under this part if the individual:

(1) Is 60 years of age or older; and

(2) Meets any additional eligibility criteria for special senior service participation established by the Commission.

§2504.4 State application.

(a) An application for funds under this part made by a State, must contain:

(1) The amount of funds requested for each fiscal year during the period covered by the State proposal;